

# Raton Odd Fellows Dedicate Their Handsome New Building

## Saturday's Raton Range.

The handsome new building of Raton Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., which was completed last fall at a cost of approximately \$15,000, was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon with appropriate exercises.

Raton lodge was organized and received a charter from the Sovereign Grand lodge, May 26, 1886, with the following charter members: Thomas Floyd, Caleb Houston, G. J. Pace, C. S. Hudson, Samuel West, William Howells, W. H. Shaffer, C. H. Clark, V. E. Hestwood. Of the above number, Caleb Houston is still a member of the lodge, all the others having moved from this jurisdiction or died.

The first officers of the lodge were, (as near as could be ascertained). Caleb Houston, Noble Grand; George Pace, Vice Grand and C. H. Clark, secretary.

On Oct. 10, 1889, following the establishment of a grand lodge of the order in New Mexico, the local lodge received another charter from the territorial grand lodge, and in addition to the names above given, the following were added to the new charter: S. Hefty, R. McDaniel, M. J. Dugan, J. W. Kelley, P. McGee, A. W. Geer, A. Cox, R. Fitzgerald, W. F. Degner, C. F. Lewis, William Dean, J. Underdown, William Farrow, J. Farrow, A. C. Huffman, F. M. Green, W. L. Jennings, P. Jones, P. Eaton, A. W. Sandusky, W. E. Cady, A. McCready, J. Elingreen, H. Mellstrom, W. Johnston, R. Johnston, J. Johnston, J. Reynolds, J. McDermot, J. D. Holcomb and William Goodwin.

Caleb Houston was the first grand master of the first grand lodge of the territory of New Mexico.

The present officers of Raton lodge are as follows: Robert Willburn, N. G.; Frank E. Johnson, V. G.; Alfred Jelfs, recording secretary; John C. Orin, financial secretary; Manning T. McKenzie, treasurer; John Jelfs, H. B. Phelps and N. K. Oldham, trustees.

Following are the names of the present members of Raton lodge No. 8:

George Ashley, H. O. Anderson, William Arkell, A. W. Alberts, Charles Boyd, Otto Brandt, H. H. Butler, Henry Butler, George Bell, L. P. Beckham, William Bouldin, J. T. Burchett, J. T. Bills, J. B. Bills, H. J. Bills, Abe Berry, R. L. Banfield, A. G. Bills, C. H. Bell, S. D. Chesebro, Ambrose Cox, Howard Craig, A. D. Coulter, A. B. Clay, Thomas Chamberlain, H. L. Croft, Herman Collins, William Coulter, W. F. Carroll, E. B. Cropp, C. F. Covey, Bert Dudley, William Degner, A. B. Dort, P. J. Delaney, John Dundas, Martin Durie, Ralph Durie, Richard Fitzgerald, George B. Frisby, F. C. Farquharson, David Fulkerson, H. P. Green, Richard Griffith, R. J. Guilfoyle, George Hill, J. S. Howells, W. J. Howells, C. E. Howells, C. F. Huston, J. D. Holcomb, H. H. Hansbro, A. D. Hurst, William Heinz, R. P. Heinz, Alec Heeg, Henry Holmes, John Horner, E. B. Hughes, Otto K. Hardesty, H. Humbert Jones, Harry H. Jones, John Jelfs, Alfred Jelfs, F. E. Johnson, L. W. Johnson, C. B. Kolhousen, Fred Koehler, Albert Keeley, Louis Ludwig, William Linwood, T. B. Lyons, Paul Llyod, T. B. Lieb, Richard Lunley, R. J. Lewis, Hugh McDaniels, Robert McRoberts, Stewart D. McCalmont, George McClelland, T. F. McAuliffe, M. T. McKenzie, Palmer McAbee, Green McAbee, John Morrow, Joseph Miller, George Mackie, E. J. Maize, Vincent Norman, Fred C. Nash, Casper Nail, Thomas Neil, N. K. Oldham, Richard Oldham, John C. Orin, Otto Olesner, Fred Owen, Peter Perry, H. B. Phelps, T. N. Parker, S. J. Porter, J. L. Porter, William Ruffner, Sam Ruffner, Barney Ruffini, C. F. Remsburg, Sam Ruby, J. J. Rohr, T. C. Roberts, Henry Robertson, J. B. Smith, H. B. Smith, J. R. Smith, T. S. Smith, R. L. Surles, William Shields, Alec Spears, E. A. Schultz, A. L. Sampsel, J. C. Sears, A. Claude Stockton, O. J. Simmons, C. W. Sincock, Joseph Taylor, W. W. Twyman, Thomas Thatcher, Vincent Truda, George Thompson, Frank Thorpe, E. S. Thorpe, W. V. Turner, Thomas P. Turner, Jesse Underdown, R. M. Vaught, C. A. Vaught, Jonathan Vickers, John Vincent, John Wise, A. P. Wolfe, E. E. Wilson, John W. Wilson, Robert Willburn, S. A. Wiseman, L. V. Wagoner, H. H. Wriglesworth, Thomas W. Young.

The encampment branch of the order is in a flourishing condition and has added a considerable number of new names in the past six months. The encampment meets the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Raton Encampment No. 5 has about forty members, the following being the present officers: Jesse Underdown, Chief Patriarch; T. W. Young, Senior Warden; J. T. Bills, Junior Warden; High Priest, Robert Willburn; Guide, H. B. Phelps; Inside Sentinel, N. K. Oldham; Secretary, F. E. Johnson; Treasurer, J. B. Bills.

Margaret Rebekah Lodge.

Margaret Rebekah lodge of Raton was organized in 1893 and reorganized November 2, 1898, with the following named charter members: Alice Jelfs, Sarah Perry, Bice Young, Mary A. West, Janet Howells, Mamie Howells, Janet Delaney and Peter J. Delaney.

Much interest has been devoted by its members until by hard work and faithful service its membership of over 100 has been reached. The following named are its present officers: Mrs. T. C. Roberts, N. G.; Miss Mollie Delaney, V. G.; Miss Frost, chaplain; Mrs. Seamands, P. G.; Mrs. Margaret Jelfs, secretary; Mrs. Burchett, treasurer; Miss Belisle, L. S. V. G.; Dr. T. B. Lyons, R. S. V. G.; Miss Tina Coulter, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. T. B. Lyons, R. S. N. G.

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Grand Lodge organized January 15, 1825.

Rebekah degree first adopted in 1851-52.

Patriarchs Militant degrees in 1885.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge was adopted in 1879.

General membership of the Order in North America over 1,800,000.

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The early degree conferred by the order were somewhat crude in structure, and unsuited to the genius of a modern fraternal society, being copies from orders of other origin—notably from Masonry. As the order grew attention began to be paid to degrees of higher significance than the lodge system. Two English degrees and one American, finally, made up the encampment series. The final separation of the encampments into a distinct branch, higher than the lodge, and governed by grand encampments, did not occur until 1841. In 1851-2 the Rebekah degree was adopted, its author being Schuy-

ler Colfax. This is a branch to which both sexes are admitted. The sequence of degrees was completed in 1885 by the adoption of the Patriarchs Militant, an organization of the uniform or display branch. The grand bodies followed the sequences of the degrees. In 1879 the name of the supreme body was changed to the sovereign grand lodge, a title more in consonance with its inherent powers, especially in its jurisdiction, without the United States of America. The sovereign grand lodge is made up of grand representatives from the grand lodges and grand encampments of the United States and Canada. The Patriarchs Militant, with the local unit, called canton, is organized like the United States army, with department councils—all under the immediate government of the sovereign grand lodge. The dates of the introduction of American Odd Fellowship without the United States were these: Canada, 1843; Australasia, 1868; Denmark, 1878; Germany, 1870; the Netherlands, 1877; Sweden, 1884; Switzerland, 1871. As early as 1846 lodges were instituted in the Hawaiian Islands; in Cuba, in 1883; in Mexico in 1882; and the order has followed the flag into the orient, having been established—including South America—in 22 nationalities, provinces, and territories—in 18 of which grand lodges have been chartered. In 1902, however, of the entire lodge membership of 1,068,732, only 37,333 were enrolled outside of North America.

Of the other organizations of Odd Fellows, the Grand United Order ranks next in relative importance. This body is the parent of the colored lodges in the United States and elsewhere, and is of English origin.

During the civil war of 1861-5 the roll of the southern jurisdiction was regularly called during the annual sessions of the sovereign grand lodge. At the close of hostilities, the officers and members in the south were welcomed to the chairs and seats which had been held for them during the four years of strife and separation.

During the year 1905 the lodge at large paid out in benefits alone over \$4,250,000.

NEW HALL DEDICATED.

Odd Fellows Observe the Eighty-Eighth Anniversary in Fitting Manner—Very Elaborate Ceremonies Carried Out.

The dedication exercises were held at the handsomely furnished hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and was attended by a large number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and many visiting members of both branches of the order. In fact every seat was occupied.

The opening remarks were made by Past Grand Master A. Jelfs, and the work of dedication then proceeded. The form of the ceremony was gone through in a most interesting manner, being performed by the officers of the lodge in a style that showed thorough practice. James Smith as Grand Marshal acquitted himself most creditably, as did all those who took part in the proceedings, who were as follows: Grand Warden, William F. Degner; Grand Chaplain, H. B. Phelps; Grand Herald of the North, J. T. Bills; Grand Herald of the South, Jesse Underdown; Grand Herald of the East, T. B. Lyons; Grand Herald of the West, Robert Willburn; altar bearers, Fred Koehler and J. Bills; president of hall committee, M. T. McKenzie.

Following the ceremony of dedication, an excellent address was delivered by Past Grand T. B. Lieb, it being listened to with profound attention and at the conclusion, he was heartily applauded. The address will appear in the next issue of The Range. After the singing of the doxology the assemblage repaired to the banquet hall, where light refreshments were served.

Miss Emma Owen presided at the piano and a male quartet composed of the following, rendered the vocal selections receptably: William Howells, A. W. Allbert, E. J. Mullis and Palmer McAbee.

Among those present from out-of-town were Harry Cox and William Howells, of Denver, and Messrs. George Bell, Everett Butler, Wiley Butler, Roy Butler, H. S. Holcomb, T. L. Brown, E. Erickson, T. L. Jamison and Fred Jamison, of Trinidad.

In the evening a social session was held, at which remarks of an impromptu nature were made, instrumental and vocal selections rendered, refreshments served and a general good time had by all.

Where to Stop in Raton.

Palace Hotel opposite Santa Fe depot. Rooms 50 cents and \$1. if

Ben Franklin Sayings.

He that would live in peace and at ease

Must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.

A lie stands on one leg, truth on two.

He that pays for work before it's done has but a pennyworth for a twopence.

Drive thy business! Let not thy business drive thee.

Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead.

Pain wastes the body, pleasures the understanding.

To whom thy secret thou dost tell, The eye of the master will do more work than both his hands.

Keeping Up the Navy.

"They ought to name the next battleship Rumor."

"Why such a name as that?"

"Because then it would be easy to keep her afloat."—Baltimore American.

"Why do you have everything in your wife's name?"

"I don't. We have our children in my name."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Just a Way She Has.

"Ever notice it?" queried the man who asks questions on the installment plan.

"Did I ever notice what?" queried the wife of his bosom.

"That a woman never considers an article of dress stylish unless she feels uncomfortable in it?" continued the mere man.—Chicago Daily News.

A Gentle Hint.

"Yes," smiled the sweet young thing, "when I marry I will lead my husband a dog's life."

"Whereupon she took her poodle in her arms and squeezed him almost to death."

How could the young man help taking the hint and proposing right on the spot?—Judge.

Comfortable.

"What is your idea of a comfortable fortune?" asked the ambitious youth.

"One," answered the man of experience, "that is big enough to buy you everything you want and not big enough to attract the attention of the grand jury."—Washington Star.

Reflection.

Leading Lady—Did you notice the Johnny in the third box? For one solid hour he gazed intently at my diamonds.

Comedian—Yes, I heard several people commenting on his glassy stare.—Chicago News.

By Rights.

Correspondent—How much do you want about the erection of a pillar in the new square?

Editor—It ought to make a good column story.—Baltimore American.

Self-Evident.

"Of all animals a horse should never be hungry."

"Why not a horse?"

"Because he always has a bit in his mouth."—Baltimore American.

No Restaurant for His.

A cannibal chieftain was starving. So his poor little sweetheart, he ate her. He knew he had only one quarter, and he'd have to give that to the waiter.

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7:25 am	4:25 pm	Leaves CLIFTON HOUSE JUNCTION	11:37 am
7:50 am	4:50 pm	Leaves 3 PRESTON	11:40 am
8:25 am	5:20 pm	Arr. KOEHLER JCT.	11:00 am
		Arr. KOEHLER	11:20 am
	5:10 pm	Arr. VERMEJO	11:10 am
9:10 am	6:15 pm	Arr. CERRITOSO	10:15 am
9:35 am	6:40 pm	Arr. CERRITOSO	9:55 am
10:30 am	6:30 pm	Arr. CIMARRON	9:35 am
11:30 am		Arr. UTE PARK	9:00 am
12:30 pm			
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7:00 am	49	Leaves RATON	2:20 pm
7:30 am	42	Leaves CLIFTON HOUSE JUNCTION	2:00 pm
8:05 am	31	Leaves CUNNINGHAM	1:15 pm
8:30 am	25	Leaves THOMPSON	12:30 pm
8:45 am	22	Leaves VIRIL	12:25 pm
9:25 am	11	Leaves CAPULIN VEGAR	11:40 am
10:00 am		Arrive DES MOINES	11:00 am

Connects with El Paso & Southwestern Ry. train 12, arriving in Dawson, N.M., at 6:10 pm.  
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